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7. To obey in military actions.
 8. To be sufficient to.
 If any subject, interest, or fancy has recommended, their reasoning is after their fashion; it serves their turn. *Locke.*
 9. To be of use to; to assist.
 When a storm of a sad mischance beats upon our spirits, turn it into some advantage, by observing where it can serve another end, either of religion or prudence. *Taylor.*
 10. To promote.
 He consider'd every creature
 Most opportune might serve his wiles. *Milton.*
 11. To comply with.
 They think herein we serve the time, because thereby we either hold or seek preferment. *Hooker.*
 12. To satisfy; to content.
 As the former empty plea served the sottish Jews, this equally serves these to put them into a fool's paradise, by feeding their hopes, without changing their lives. *South.*
 Nothing would serve them then but riding. *L'Estrange.*
 One half-pint bottle serves them both to dine,
 And is at once their vinegar and wine. *Pope.*
 13. To stand instead of any thing to one.
 The dull flat falsehood serves for policy,
 And in the cunning, truth itself's a lye. *Pope.*
 14. [To serve, French.] To SERVE himself. To make use of.
 A complete brave man must know solidly the main end he is in the world for; and withal how to serve himself of the divine's high contemplations, of the metaphysician's subtle speculations, and of the natural philosopher's minute observations.
 They would serve themselves of this form. *Taylor.*
 I will serve myself of this concession. *Chillingworth.*
 It is much more easy for men to serve their own ends of those principles, which they do not put into men, but find there. *Tillotson's Sermons.*
 If they elevate themselves, 'tis only to fall from a higher place, because they serve themselves of other men's wings, neither understanding their use nor virtue. *Dryden's Dufren.*
 15. To require; as, he served me ungratefully.
 16. [In divinity.] To worship the Supreme Being.
 Matters hid leave to God, him serve and fear. *Milton.*
 17. To SERVE a warrant. To seize an offender, and carry to justice.
 To SERVE. *v. n.*
 1. To be a servant, or slave.
 Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he kept sheep. *Hof.*
 We will give thee this also, for the service which thou shalt serve with me. *Gen. xx. 27.*
 2. To be in subjection.
 Thou hast made me to serve with thy sins; thou hast wearied me with thine iniquities. *Jf. xliii. 24.*
 3. To attend; to wait.
 Martha was cumbered about much servings, and said, Lord, do'st thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? *Luke x. 40.*
 4. To act in war.
 Both more or less have given him the revolt;
 And none serve with but constrained things,
 Whose hearts are absent too. *Shakespeare. Macbeth.*
 Many noble gentlemen, came out of all parts of Italy, who had before been great commanders, but now served as private gentlemen without pay. *Kneller's History of the Turks.*
 5. To produce the end desired.
 The look bewrayed, that as she used these ornaments, not for herself, but to prevail with another, so she feared that all would not serve. *Sidney.*
 6. To be sufficient for a purpose.
 Take it, she said; and when your needs require,
 This little brand will serve to light your fire. *Dryden.*
 7. To suit; to be convenient.
 We have the summary of all our griefs,
 When time shall serve to shew in articles. *Shakespeare. H. IV.*
 Yet time serves, wherein you may redeem
 Your banish'd honours. *Shakespeare. H. IV.*
 As occasion serves, this noble queen
 And prince shall follow with a fresh supply. *Shakespeare. H. VI.*
 Read that; 'tis with the royal signet sign'd,
 And given me by the kings, when time should serve,
 To be perus'd by you. *Dryden's Spanish Fryar.*
 8. To conduce; to be of use.
 Churches, as every thing else, receive their chief perfection from the end whereunto they serve.
 Our speech to worldly superiors we frame in such sort as serves best to inform and persuade the minds of them, who otherwise neither could nor would greatly regard our necessities. *Hooker.*
 Priests serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things. *Hebr. viii. 5.*
 Who lessens thee, against his purpose serves
 To manifest the more thy might. *Milton.*
 Fashion is, for the most part, nothing but the ostentation

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- of riches; and therefore the high price of what serves to that, rather encreases than lessens its vent.
 First investigate the variety of motions and figures made by the organs which serve for articulation, and the variety of matter to which those articulations are severally applied. *Hold.*
 Our victory only served to lead us on to further visionary prospects.
 9. To officiate or minister.
 SERVICE. *n. f.* [service, Fr. *servitium*, Latin.]
 1. Menial office; low business done at the command of a master.
 The banish'd Kent, who in disguise
 Follow'd his king, and did him service
 Improper for a slave. *Shakespeare. K. Lear.*
 2. Attendance of a servant.
 Both fell by our servants, by those men we lov'd most;
 A most unnatural and faithless service. *Shakespeare.*
 3. Place; office of a servant.
 I have served prince Florizel; but now I am out of service.
 By oppressing and betraying me,
 Thou might'st have sooner got another service. *Shakespeare.*
 These that accuse him are a yoke of his discarded men;
 very rogues, now they be out of service. *Shakespeare.*
 A court, properly a fair, the end of it trade and gain; for none would go to service that thinks he has enough to live well of himself. *Temple.*
 4. Any thing done by way of duty to a superior.
 That service is not service, so being done,
 But being so allow'd. *Shakespeare. Cymbeline.*
 This poem was the last piece of service I did for my master King Charles. *Dryden.*
 5. Attendance on any superior.
 Madam, I entreat true peace of you,
 Which I will purchase with my dutious service. *Shakespeare.*
 Riches gotten by service, tho' it be of the best rite, yet when gotten by flattery, may be placed amongst the worst. *Bacon.*
 6. Profession of respect uttered or sent.
 I am a woman, lacking wit,
 To make a seemly answer to such persons,
 Pray do my service to his majesty. *Shakespeare. Hen. VIII.*
 7. Obedience; submission.
 Thou nature, art my Goddes; to thy law
 My services are bound. *Shakespeare. K. Lear.*
 God requires no man's service upon hard and unreasonable terms. *Tillotson's Sermons.*
 8. Act on the performance of which possession depends.
 Altho' they built castles and made freeholders, yet were there no tenures and services reserved to the crown; but the lords drew all the respect and dependency of the common people unto themselves. *Davies's State of Ireland.*
 9. Actual duty; office.
 The order of human society cannot be preserved, nor the services requisite to the support of it be supplied, without a distinction of stations, and a long subordination of offices. *Roger.*
 10. Employment; business.
 If stations of power and trust were constantly made the rewards of virtue, men of great abilities would endeavour to excel in the duties of a religious life, in order to qualify themselves for publick service. *Swift.*
 11. Military duty.
 When he cometh to experience of service abroad, or is put to a piece or pike, he maketh a worthy soldier. *Spenser.*
 At the parliament at Oxford his youth and want of experience in sea service had somewhat been shrewdly touch'd, even before the sluices of popular liberty were yet let open. *Watson's Buckingham.*
 12. A military achievement.
 Such fellows will learn you by rote where services were done, at such and such a breach. *Shakespeare. Hen. V.*
 13. Purpose; use.
 All the vessels of the king's house are not for uses of honour, some be common stuff, and for mean services, yet profitable. *Spelman.*
 14. Useful office; advantage.
 The stork's plea, when taken in a net, was the service she did in picking up venomous creatures. *L'Estrange.*
 The clergy prevent themselves from doing much service to religion, by affecting so much to converse with each other, and caring so little to mingle with the laity. *Swift.*
 Gentle streams visit populous towns in their course, and are at once of ornament and service to them. *Pope.*
 15. Favour.
 To thee a woman's services are due,
 My fool usurps my body. *Shakespeare. K. Lear.*
 16. Publick office of devotion.
 According to this form of theirs, it must stand for a rule, no sermon, no service.
 If that very service of God in the Jewish synagogues, which our Lord did approve and sanctify with his own presence, had so large portions of the law and prophets, together with the many prayers and psalms read day by day, as equal in a manner the length of ours, and yet in that respect

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- was never thought to deserve blame; is it now an offence that the like measure of time is bestowed in the like manner? *Hooker.*
 I know no necessity why private and single abilities should quite jumble out and deprive the church of the joint abilities and concurrent gifts of many learned and godly men, such as the composers of the service-book were. *K. Charles.*
 The congregation was discomposed, and divine service broken off. *Watts.*
 18. Course; order of dishes.
 Cleopatra made Antony a supper sumptuous and royal; howbeit there was no extraordinary service seen on the board. *Hakewill.*
 19. A tree and fruit. [serbus, Latin.]
 The flower consists of several leaves, which are placed orbicularly, and expand in form of a rose, whose flower-cup afterwards becomes a fruit shaped like a pear or medlar: to which must be added, pennated leaves like that of the ash. *Miller.*
 October is drawn in a garment of yellow and carnation; in his left hand a basket of services, medlars, and other fruits that ripen late. *Peacocks.*
 SERVICEABLE. *adj.* [servissable, old French, from *service*.]
 1. Active; diligent; officious.
 He was sent to the King's court, with letters from that officer, containing his own serviceable diligence in discovering so great a perjurage; adding withal more than was true of his conjectures. *Sidney.*
 I know thee well, a serviceable villain;
 As dutious to the vices of thy mistress
 As badness could desire. *Shakespeare. K. Lear.*
 2. Useful; beneficial.
 Religion hath force to qualify all sorts of men, and to make them, in publick affairs, the more serviceable; governors the apter to rule with confidence; inferiors, for conscience sake, the willing to obey. *Hooker.*
 So your father charg'd me at our parting,
 Be serviceable to my son.
 His own inclinations were to confine himself to his own business, and be serviceable to religion and learning. *Shakespeare. A. and C.*
 A book to justify the revolution, archbishop Tillotson recommended to the king as the most serviceable treatise could have been published then. *Swift.*
 SERVICEABLENESS. *n. f.* [from *serviceable*.]
 1. Officiousness; activity.
 He might continually be in her presence, shewing more humble serviceableness and joy to content her than ever before. *Sidney.*
 2. Usefulness; beneficialness.
 All add being for some end, its aptness to be commanded or forbidden, must be founded upon its serviceableness or disserviceableness to some end. *Norris.*
 SERVICE. *adj.* [servi, French; servile, Latin.]
 1. Slavi; dependant; mean.
 Fight and die, is death destroying death:
 Where fearing dying, pays death servi's breath. *Shakespeare.*
 From imposition of strict laws to free
 Acceptance of large grace, from servile fear
 To filial. *Milton.*
 Ev'n fortune rules no more a servile land,
 Where exil'd tyrants still by turns command. *Pope.*
 2. Fawning; cringing.
 The most servile flattery is lodged the most easily in the grossest capacity; for their ordinary conceit draweth a yielding to their greater, and then have they not wit to discern the right degrees of duty.
 She must bend the servile knee,
 And fawning take the splendid robber's boon. *Thomson.*
 SE'RVILELY. *adv.* [from *servile*.] Meanly; slavishly.
 T' each-changing news, they chang'd affections bring,
 And servilely from fate expect a King. *Dryden. Aurengzebe.*
 He affects a singularity in his actions and thoughts, rather than servilely to copy from the wifist. *Swift.*
 SE'RVILENESS. } *n. f.* [from *servile*.]
 SE'RVILITY. }
 1. Slavi;ness; involuntary obedience.
 What, besides this unhappy servility to custom, can possibly reconcile men that own christianity, to a practice widely distant from it? *Govern. of the Tongue.*
 2. Meanness; dependance; baseness.
 The angels and demons, those by their subservency, and these by the servility of their obedience, manifestly declared Christ and his apostles to be vested with an authority derived from their Lord. *West.*
 3. Slavery, the condition of a slave.
 To be a queen in bondage, is more vile
 Than is a slave in base servility;
 For princes should be free. *Shakespeare. Hen. VI.*
 SE'RVING-MAN. *n. f.* [serve and man.] A menial servant.
 Your niece did more favours to the duke's serving-man, than ever she bestowed on me. *Shakespeare. Twelfth Night.*

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- Just in the nick; the cook knock'd thrice;
 And all the waiters in a trice
 His summons did obey;
 Each serving-man, with dith in hand,
 March'd boldly up, like our train'd band,
 Prefented and away. *Suckling.*
 With Dennis you did ne'er combine,
 Not you, to steal your master's wine;
 Except a bottle now and then,
 To welcome brother serving-men. *Swift.*
 SE'RVITOR. *n. f.* [serviteur, French.]
 1. Servant; attendant. A word obsolete.
 This workman, whose servitor nature is, being only one, the heathens imagining to be more, gave him in the sky the name of Jupiter; in the air, of Juno; in the water, of Neptune; in the earth, of Vesta; and Ceres. *Hooker.*
 Your trusty and most valiant servitor,
 With his free duty recommends you thus. *Shakespeare.*
 Thus are poor servitors,
 When others sleep upon their quiet beds,
 Constrain'd to watch in darkniels, rain and cold. *Shakespeare.*
 Our Norman conqueror gave away to his servitors the lands and possessions of such as did oppose his invasion. *Davies.*
 Fearful commenting
 Is leaden servitor to dull delay;
 Delay leads impotent and frail-pac'd beggary. *Shakespeare.*
 My noble queen, let former grudges pass,
 And henceforth I am thy true servitor. *Shakespeare. Hen. VI.*
 2. One of the lowest order in the university.
 His learning is much of a size with his birth and education; no more of either than what a poor hungry servitor can be expected to bring with him from his college. *Swift.*
 SE'RVITUDE. *n. f.* [servitude, French; servitus, Latin.]
 1. Slavery; state of a slave; dependance.
 Aristotle speaketh of men, whom nature hath fram'd for the state of servitude, saying, they have reason so far forth as to conceive when others direct them. *Hooker.*
 You would have sold your king to slaughter,
 His princes and his peers to servitude,
 His subjects to oppression and contempt. *Shakespeare. Hen. V.*
 Tho' it is necessary, that some persons in the world should be in love with a splendid servitude, yet certainly they must be much beholding to their own fancy, that they can be pleas'd at it; for he that rises up early, and goes to bed late, only to receive addresses, is really as much abridg'd in his freedom, as he that waits to present one. *South Sermons.*
 Unjustly thou deprav'st it with the name
 Of servitude, to serve whom God ordains,
 Or nature: God and nature bid the same, *Milton.*
 When he who rules is worthiest.
 2. Servants collectively.
 After him a cum'brous train
 Of herds, and flocks, and numerous servitude. *Milton.*
 SE'RVUM. *n. f.* [Latin.]
 1. The thin and watry part that separates from the rest in any liquor, as in milk from the cream.
 2. The part of the blood, which in coagulation separates from the grume.
 Blood is the most universal juice in an animal body: the red part of it differs from the serum, the serum from the lymph, the lymph from the nervous juice, and that from the several other humours separated in the glands. *Arbutnot.*
 SESQUIALTER. } *adj.* [sesquialtere, Fr. sesquialter, Lat.]
 SESQUIALTERAL. }
 In geometry, is a ratio, where one quantity or number contains another once and half as much more, as 6 and 9. *DiD.*
 In all the revolutions of the planets about the sun, and of the secondary planets about the primary ones, the periodical times is in a sesquialter proportion to the mean distance. *Chayne.*
 As the six primary planets revolve about the sun, so the secondary ones are moved about them in the same sesquialteral proportion of their periodical motions to their orbs. *Boutley.*
 SE'SQUIPLICATE. *adj.* [In mathematics.] Is the proportion one quantity or number has to another, in the ratio of one half.
 The periodical times of the planets are in sesquuplicate proportion, and not a duplicate proportion of the distances from the center or the radii; and consequently the planets cannot be carried about by an harmonically circulating fluid. *Chayne's Phil. Prin.*
 SE'SQUIPEDAL. } *adj.* [sesquipedalis, Latin.] Containing
 SE'SQUIPEDALIAN. } a foot and a half.
 As for my own part, I am but a sesquipedal, having only six foot and a half of stature. *Addis. Guard.*
 Half thou ever measured the gigantick Ethiopian, whose stature is above eight cubits high, or the sesquipedalian pigmy? *Arbut. and Pope's Mart. Scrib.*
 SE'SQUITE'RTIAN. [In mathematics.] Having such a ratio, as that one quantity or number contains another once and one third part more; as between 6 and 8. *DiD.*
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